Planetary Science Subcommittee

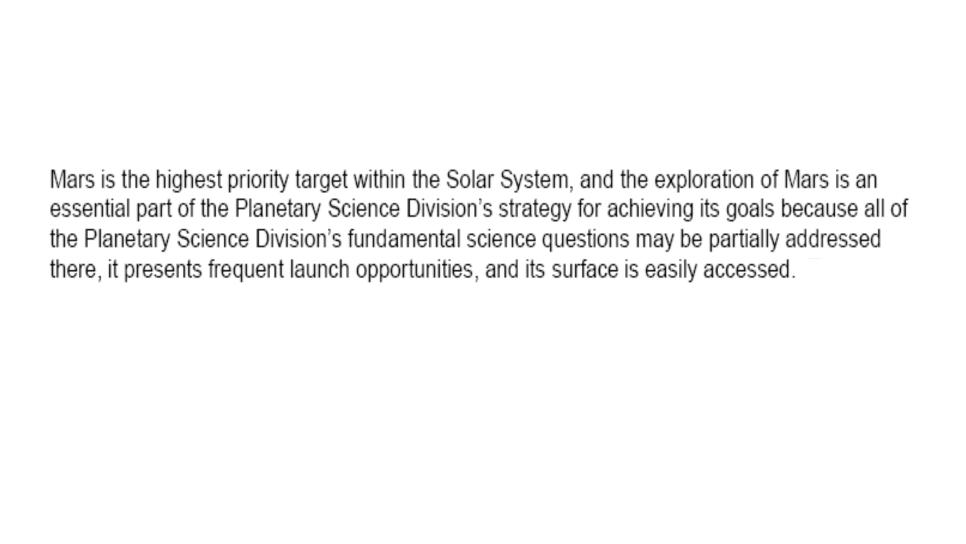
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New Frontiers and Flagships

- •Existing New Frontiers missions--New Horizons, Jun. Juno was \$750M in FY 03\$ = 850M RY\$.
- •Cannot be used for orbiter missions to the outer solar system, or long-lived Venus surface missions, but fills a useful niche for science too ambitious for Discovery.
- List of New Frontiers missions will be refreshed by decadal surveys.
 - -Saturn flyby with shallow probes
 - -Comet surface sample return
 - -Venus in-situ Explorer
 - -South Pole Aitken Basin
- •We endorse the New Frontiers Program as it is. It should not be expanded in an attempt to accommodate Flagship-class goals and objectives.
- ∞Flagship missions are required to address the fundamental scientific objectives of solar system exploration and must be accommodated within any long-range strategic plan.

SMD Plan

- Excellent draft; consistent with decadal survey, community roadmap
- Proposed changes
 - Priority list should not include Moon Mineralogical Mapper because of cost-scale differences. Otherwise OK
 - Add paragraph to Strategic Plan R&A section "Recent cuts to the R&A Program have adversely affected NASA's ability to analyze data and materials returned from missions and to lay the foundations for future missions."
 - –Mars language needs to be changed, along with adding a statement about balance between detailed single-body investigation and broader-based exploration of multiple bodies (see next page for Mars language)



Within solar system exploration, Mars is the highest priority target for detailed investigation

- -The ability to address all five scientific objectives at Mars, coupled with its accessibility, make Mars a unique scientific target in the solar system.
- -Mars exploration has progressed to the level where scientific investigations require multiple assets that form a temporally and spatially interrelated infrastructure on the surface and in orbit.
- -Mars is specifically called out as a high priority target in the VSE.

Venue for Lunar Workshop

- Easy access/large conference capability, not Houston or DC
- Potential for post-conference field trips to geologic sites, observatories
- Hawaii: Volcanoes NP+ Mauna Kea
 Observatory
- •Tucson: El Pinacate BR (Mex) +Mount Graham International Observatory
- •Albuquerque: Zuni-Bandera Volcanic Field+ VLA